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# UNDERCOUNTER FREEZER

INSTRUCTION MANUAL
CUF55W10

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**Thank you** for purchasing your new Currys Essentials Freezer.

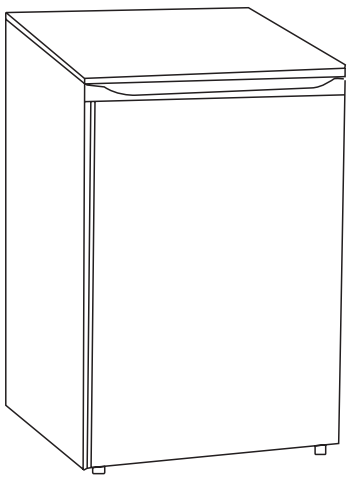
We recommend that you spend some time reading this instruction manual in order that you fully understand all the operational features it offers.

Read all the safety instructions carefully before use and keep this instruction manual for future reference.

# Unpacking

Remove all packaging from the unit. Retain the packaging. If you dispose of it please do so according to local regulations.

The following items are included:



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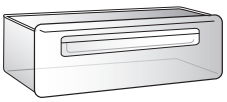

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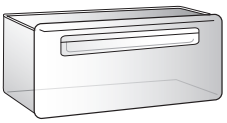

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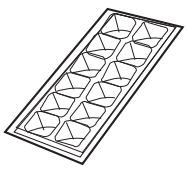
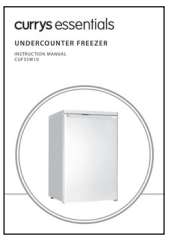


Ice Tray
**P.N.: BG01**

Plastic Scraper
**P.N.: BC01**

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If items are missing, or damaged please contact Partmaster (UK only).
Tel: 0844 800 3456 for assistance.



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## Location

When selecting a position for your unit you should make sure the floor is flat and firm, and the room is well ventilated with an average room temperature of between 16°C and 32°C. Avoid locating your unit near a heat source, e.g. cooker, boiler or radiator. Also avoid direct sunlight as it may increase the electrical consumption. Extreme cold ambient temperatures may also cause the unit not to perform properly. This unit is not designed for use in a garage or outdoor installation. Do not drape the unit with any covering.

When installing the unit, ensure that 2 cm of free space is left at both sides and 3 cm at the rear of the unit. The door can be opened to the right or the left, depending on what better suits the location. Please ensure there is adequate space for the door to fully open.

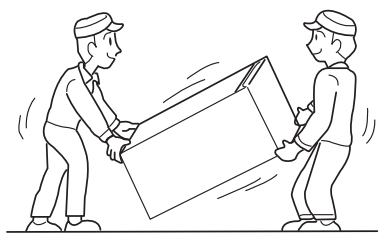
- If you want to have the door swing reversed, we recommend that you contact a qualified technician. You should only try to reverse the door yourself if you believe that you are qualified to do so.
- All parts removed must be saved to do the reinstallation of the door. You should rest the unit on something solid so that it will not slip during the door change process. Do not lay the unit flat as this may damage the coolant system. Ensure the unit is unplugged and empty.

## Reversing the Door Swing

**Tools required:** Phillips style screwdriver / Flat bladed screwdriver / Hexagonal spanner

- Ensure the unit is unplugged and empty.
- Adjust the two levelling feet to their highest position.
- To take the door off it is necessary to tilt the unit backwards. You should rest the unit on something solid, e.g. a chair just below the top panel.
- All parts removed must be saved to do the reinstallation of the door. You should rest the unit on something solid so that it will not slip during the door reversing process.
- Do not lay the unit flat as this may damage the coolant system.
- We recommend that 2 people handle the unit during assembly.

1. Tilt the unit carefully. 2 people are required to tilt the unit during the door reversing process.





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## INSTALLATION

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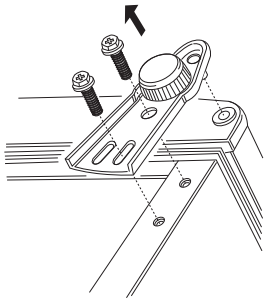
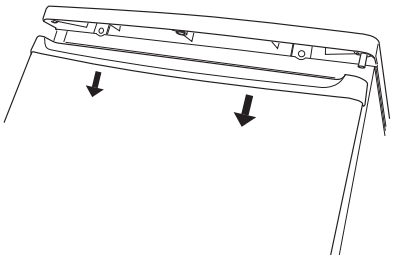
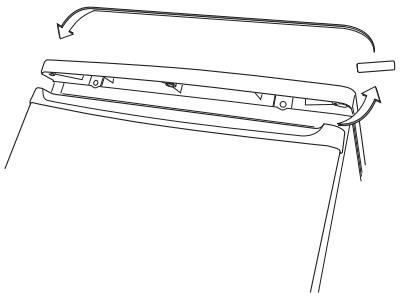


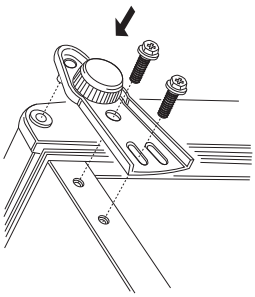
3. Slide the door down and remove away from the unit.



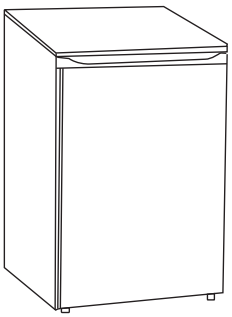
4. Remove the top hinge pin inside the door and refit on the opposite side.



5. Slide the door back on to the top hinge. Screw the bottom hinge into place on the new side.



6. Check that the door is aligned horizontally and vertically and that the seals are closed on all sides before finally tightening the bottom hinge. Re-adjust the levelling feet.





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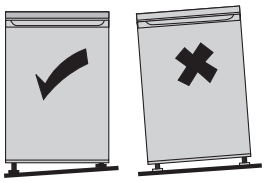
## Levelling the Unit

To do this use the two levelling feet at the front of the unit.

If the unit is not level, the door and magnetic seal alignments will not be covered properly.



## Cleaning Before Use

Wipe the inside of the unit with a weak solution of bicarbonate soda. Then rinse with warm water using a 'wrung-out' sponge or cloth. Wash the drawers in warm soapy water and dry completely before replacing in the unit. Clean the exterior of the unit with a damp cloth.

If you require more information refer to the **Cleaning** section.

- **Before Plugging in YOU MUST**
  Check that you have a socket which is compatible with the plug supplied with the unit.
- **Before Turning On!**
  Do not turn on until two hours after moving the unit. The coolant fluid needs time to settle.

## Before Using Your Unit

Before placing any food in your unit, turn it on and wait for 24 hours, to make sure it is working properly and to allow it time to fall to the correct temperature. Your unit should not be overfilled.



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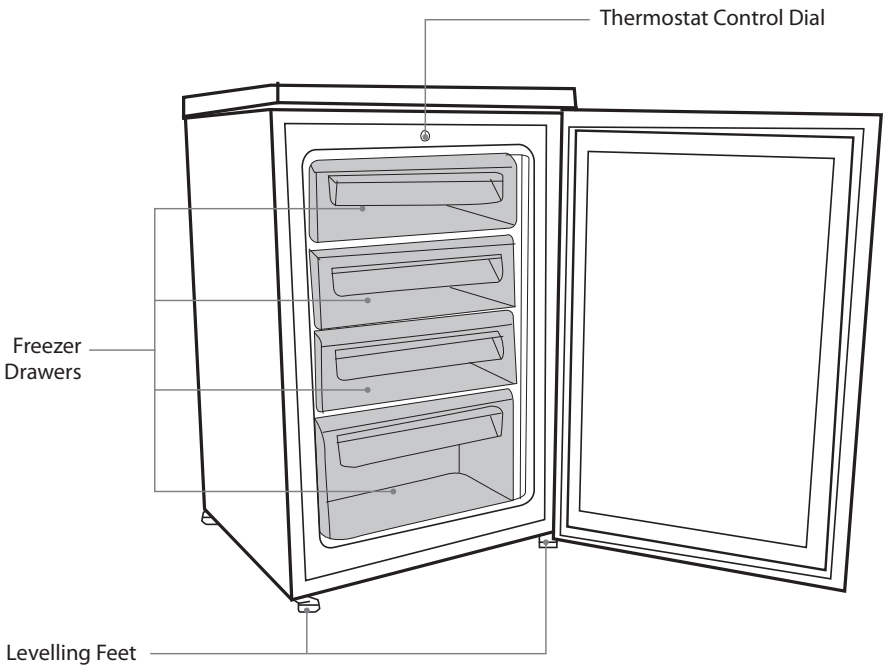
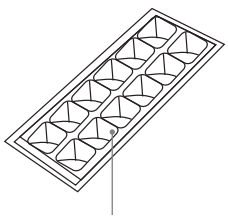
# Product Overview



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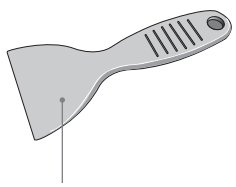

Plastic Scraper



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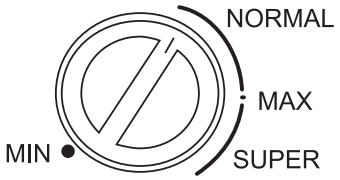
# Operation

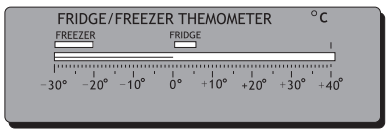
## Switching On Your Unit

1. Connect the mains cable to the mains socket. The internal temperature of your unit is controlled by a thermostat. There are four setting **MIN**, **NORMAL**, **MAX** and **SUPER**.
2. After the unit has been on for 20 minutes adjust the thermostat control dial to **NORMAL**. This is the recommended setting when operating at normal room temperature (between 16°C and 32°C).
3. The unit may not operate at the correct temperature if it is in a particularly hot or a particularly cold room, or if you open the door often.
4. To ensure that the unit is cool enough to sufficiently chill your food wait 24 hours before filling it with food.
5. If you are concerned that your unit is not being kept cold enough and wish to check the temperature you will need a special fridge/freezer thermometer. These are available from most supermarkets and hardware shops.

   Place the thermometer in the centre of the unit, where it can be read easily. Leave overnight, the temperature in the unit should be between -18°C or lower.




THERMOSTAT CONTROL DIAL




## Adjusting the Temperature

The internal temperature of the unit is controlled by a thermostat. **SUPER** position is the coldest setting and it is used for fast freezing. The recommended position is between **MIN** and **MAX**, but it should be adjusted according to the environment.

## Fast Freezing

Fresh food should be frozen as quickly as possible. Setting **SUPER** makes your unit operate at its coldest temperatures (approximately -28°C ) continuously. It helps to quickly freeze and retain more of the goodness of your food. Freezing will be completed after 24 hours. After freezing your food turn the thermostat control dial back to **NORMAL** (-18°C). Never freeze large quantities of fresh food at one time.

## Noises Inside the Unit!

You may notice that your unit makes some unusual noises. Most of these are perfectly normal, but you should be aware of them!

These noises are caused by the circulation of the refrigerant liquid in the cooling system. It has become more pronounced since the introduction of CFC free gases. This is not a fault and will not affect the performance of your unit. This is the compressor motor working, as it pumps the refrigerant around the system.



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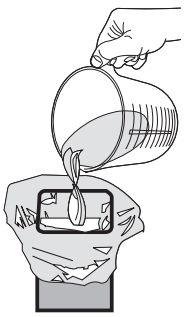
## Shopping for Frozen Foods

- Your unit is 4-star. ****.
  When you are buying frozen food, check the storage guidelines on the packaging. You will be able to store each item of frozen food for the period shown against the 4-star rating. This is usually the period stated as "Best before" on the front of the packaging. The maximum freezing capacity of this freezer is 4.0kg in 24 hours. Do not place fresh food into the freezer compartment with combined weight that exceeds 4.0kg.
- Check the temperature of the frozen food cabinet in the shop where you buy your frozen foods. It should show a temperature lower than -18°C.
- Take a quick look at the frozen food package and make sure it is in perfect condition.
- Always buy frozen products last on your shopping trip or visit to the supermarket. Try to keep frozen food together whilst shopping and on the journey home as this will help to keep the food frozen.
- Don't buy frozen food unless you can freeze it straight away. Specially insulated bags can be bought from most supermarkets and hardware shops. These bags can keep frozen food frozen longer.

## Preparations for Freezing

- Use quality food and handle it as little as possible. Freeze food in small quantities as it freezes faster, takes less time to defrost and enables you to control the quantity you need better.
- Leave cooked food to cool completely. Chill food before freezing if possible.
- Consider how you will want to cook the food before freezing it.
- Don't freeze food in metal containers if you may want to microwave it straight from the freezer.
- Use special freezer bags, freezer film, polythene bags, plastic containers, and aluminium foil (heavy duty grade only). If in doubt, double wrap your food. Don't use aluminium foil for acidic foods, e.g. citrus fruits. Don't use thin cling film, glass, or used food containers without cleaning.
- Exclude as much air from the container as possible. You could buy a special vacuum pump which sucks excessive air out of the packaging.
- Leave a small amount of air space when freezing liquids to allow expansion.
- You can use the space in the freezer most efficiently if you freeze liquids (or solids with liquids, e.g. stew) in square blocks. This is known as "Preforming". Pour the liquid into a polythene bag which is inside a square sided container. Freeze it, and then remove it from the container and seal the bag.



- Label your frozen foods as they will look the same when in frozen state. Use special freezer tapes, labels and pens with different colours. This allows you to easily organise and to effectively use the freezer. Write the contents and date; otherwise the frozen food might exceed the storage time and this could cause food poisoning. Please refer to your food packaging for the recommended storage time.
- You may also add the weight and cooking notes, e.g. "defrost first", "cook from frozen" and keep a separate log of what is in each drawer. This will save opening the door and searching around unnecessarily.searching around unnecessarily.



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## Defrosting Frozen Food

1. Take the frozen food out from the unit and uncover the frozen food. Let it defrost at room temperature. Don't forget that defrosting in a warm area encourages the growth of bacteria and low temperature cooking may not destroy dangerous bacteria.
2. Drain off and throw away any liquid lost during defrosting.
3. Always make sure there are no ice-crystals in the food before cooking, particularly with meat. These crystals indicate that the food has not fully defrosted.
4. Cook food as soon as possible after defrosting.
5. Many microwaves and ovens have a defrost setting. To avoid bacterial build up, only use these if you intend to cook the food immediately afterwards.

Never refreeze anything that has been defrosted out unless you cook it again, to kill off harmful bacteria. Never re-freeze defrosted shellfish. Re-seal packs properly after removing items. This prevents drying or freezer-burn and a build up of frost on any remaining food.



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# Cleaning

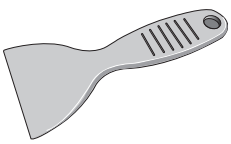
## Defrosting

Frost might build up in the unit after the it has been used for a period of time. Scrape away the frost using a plastic scraper.

Do not use a metal or sharp instrument to scrap away the frost, nor should you use any electrical appliances to aid defrosting.

We recommend that defrosting should be carried out when the frost layer builds up to 3cm (~1.18”). Choose a time when the stock of frozen food is low, follow these procedures:

1. Take out the food, turn the unit off at the mains supply and leave the door open. Ideally, the frozen food should be put into another freezer. If this is not possible, wrap the food in several sheets of newspaper or large towels and then a thick rug or blanket to keep it cool.
2. Place a shallow bowl or pan below the unit. Scrap away the frost using the plastic scraper. Defrosting the remaining frost can be speeded up by placing a bowl of hot water inside the unit and closing the door. As the solid frost loosens, scrap it away with the plastic scraper and remove.



3. When defrosting is complete, clean your unit’s interior and exterior.

## Cleaning the Interior and the Exterior of the Unit

- Remove all the drawers before cleaning.
- Wipe the inside of the unit with a weak solution of bicarbonate soda and then rinse with warm water using a ‘wrung-out’ sponge or cloth. Wipe completely dry before replacing the drawers.
- Use a damp cloth to clean the exterior, and then wipe with a standard furniture polish. Make sure that the door is closed to avoid the polish getting on the magnetic door seal or inside the unit.
- The grille of the condenser at the back of the unit and the adjacent components can be vacuumed using a soft brush attachment.

## Cleaning Tips

Condensation may appear on the outside of the unit. This maybe due to a change in room temperature. Wipe off any moisture residue. If the problem continues, please contact a qualified technician for assistance.



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# Maintenance

## Care When Handling / Moving the Unit

Hold the unit around its sides or base when moving it. Under no circumstances should it be lifted by holding the edges of the top surface.

## Servicing

The unit should be serviced by an authorised engineer and only genuine spare parts should be used. Under no circumstances should you attempt to repair the unit yourself. Repairs carried out by inexperienced persons may cause injury or serious malfunction. Contact a qualified technician.

## Switching Off for Long Periods of Time

When the unit is not in use for a long period of time, disconnect it from the mains supply, empty all food and clean the appliance, leaving the door ajar to prevent unpleasant smells.

# Disposal

Old units still have some residual value. An environmentally friendly method of disposal will ensure that valuable raw materials can be recovered and used again. The refrigerant used in your unit and insulation materials require special disposal procedures. Ensure that none of the pipes on the back of the unit are damaged prior to disposal.

Up to date information concerning options of disposing of your old unit and packaging from the new one can be obtained from your local council office.

When disposing of an old unit break off any old locks or latches and remove the door as a safeguard.



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# Specification

| Model | CUF55W10 |
|---|---|
| Overall Dimension (W x D x H) | 544 x 570 x 845mm |
| Total Gross Volume | 86L |
| Frozen Food Storage Volume (Four-Star Compartment) | 79L **** |
| Defrosting Type | Manual Defrost |
| Storage Temperature | ≤ -18°C |
| Energy Consumption | 0.61kWh / 24h |
| Energy Grading | A |
| Temperature Rise | ≥16.5hr |
| Freezing Capacity | 4.0kg / 24h |
| Rated Voltage | 230V~ |
| Rated Current | 0.7A |

Features and specifications are subject to change without prior notice.



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# Safety Warnings

For your continued safety and to reduce the risk of injury or electric shock, please follow all the safety precautions listed below.

- Read all instructions carefully before using the unit and keep them for future reference.
- Retain the manual. If you pass the unit onto a third party, make sure to include this manual.
- Keep ventilation openings in the unit enclosure clear of obstructions.
- Do not use mechanical devices or other means to accelerate the defrosting process, other than those recommended by the manufacturer.
- Do not use electrical appliances inside the food storage compartments of the freezer, unless they are of the type recommended by the manufacturer.
- If the mains cable is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer, its service agent or a qualified technician in order to avoid a hazard.
- Choose a location for your unit away from heat sources such as radiators or fires as refrigerant and vesicant are burnable.
- Young children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the unit.
- Do not damage the refrigerant circuit (applicable only for appliances with refrigeration circuits which are accessible to the user).
- The unit must be maneuvered by a minimum of 2 persons.
- This unit is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge unless they have been given supervision or instructions concerning the use of the freezer by a person responsible for their safety.
- If your unit is fitted with a lock to prevent children being trapped inside, keep the key out of reach and not in the vicinity of the unit.
- Do not store volatile or flammable substances in the unit.
- Do not store bottles or glass containers in the unit. Contents can expand when frozen (fizzy drinks) which may break the bottle and damage the unit.

**WARNING**

IT IS HAZARDOUS FOR ANYONE OTHER THAN AUTHORISED SERVICE PERSONNEL TO CARRY OUT SERVICING OF REPAIRS WHICH INVOLVE THE REMOVAL OF COVERS.

TO AVOID THE RISK OF AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK DO NOT ATTEMPT REPAIRS YOURSELF.



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| | Normal energy consumption | Increased energy consumption |
|---|---|---|
| **Installation site** | In a ventilated room.<br>Protected from direct sunlight.<br>Not situated near to a heat source (radiator, oven).<br>Where the ideal ambient room temperature is approx 20°C. | In an enclosed, unventilated room.<br>In direct sunlight.<br>Situated near to a heat source (radiator, oven).<br>Where there is a high ambient room temperature. |
| **Use** | Only open the doors when necessary and for as short a time as possible.<br>Store food in an organised way.<br>Allow hot food and drinks to cool down before placing them in the unit.<br>Store food covered or packaged.<br>Do not over-fill the appliance to allow air to circulate. | Frequent opening of the doors for long periods will cause a loss of coldness.<br>If food is not stored in an organised way, searching for an item will mean the door is open for longer.<br>Placing hot food in the unit will cause the compressor to run for a long time, as the unit will have to work harder to lower the temperature.<br>The evaporation or condensation of liquids will cause a loss of coldness in the unit. |
| **Defrosting** | Defrost the unit when a layer of ice 3 cm thick has built up. | A layer of ice hinders the cold from reaching the frozen food, and causes an increase in energy consumption. |

NOTE: If you require a replacement for any of the items listed below, please quote their corresponding part numbers:

| Replacement Part | Part Number |
|---|---|
| Small Freezer Drawers | CHT03 |
| Large Freezer Drawer | CHT04 |
| Ice Tray | BG01 |
| Plastic Scraper | BC01 |

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